

**Minutes of the January 7, 2026 Meeting of the Sawyer County
Public Works Committee
of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Chair: Ron Kinsley
- ☒ Vice Chair: Marc Helwig
- ☒ Randy Neumann
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten
- ☒ Jim Evans

Others Present:

Mike Markgren
Liz Klein
Derek Leslie
John Pinnow

Call to Order – Chair Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken; quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments- None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: December 10, 2025
Motion to approve by: Mr. Evans **Second by:** Mr. Van Etten
Motion carried without negative vote.

Maintenance- Mr. Schmidt provided a written report on December County maintenance projects.

Sawyer County Airport Report-

A written report was provided. Mr. Leslie updated the committee on a busy December at the airport and will have an update on the Master Plan in February.

Highway Department-

Commissioner Pinnow briefed the committee on the recent winter storm; Sawyer had 10 inches of snow on top of freezing rain. Sawyer is the only one of 72 counties without a brine maker. Also impacting the cleanup were equipment breakdowns and short staffing over the holidays. Mr. Pinnow is inviting experienced plow drivers to a training round table, and discussions are underway to obtain a brine maker and building to house it. Trucks would have to be replaced, which puts achieving this goal out into the future as much as five years.

Motion to approve a driveway entrance on CTH B contingent upon review by Zoning, to be brought back to the February Public Works meeting by: Mr. Helwig **Second by:** Mr. Evans
Motion carried without negative vote.

Ad-hoc Committee Update—Mr. Kinsley reported that the TGB gave him three names for a committee to meet with the county.

Board Appointed Committee Updates-- None

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings – None

Future Agenda Items – CTH B driveway follow-up, update on Airport Master Plan

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Next Meeting: February 11, 2026

Time: 6:30 pm Location: Board Room